GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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LENGTH OF ROADS
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of roads presently under the charge of Chandigarh UT Administration and the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation, respectively;

(b) the total amount of road tax collection in Chandigarh during each of the last three years;

(c) whether any portion of the same has been allocated to the Municipal Corporation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): The UT Administration of Chandigarh has informed that the totallength of roads (single lane width) presently under the charge of Chandigarh U T Administration i s 511.8 k m that includes: city roads - 355.87 km, rural/link roads - 78.51 km and N H 2 1 passing through Chandigarh - 77.0 km. The total length of roads with the Municipal Corporation of Chandigarh is 1236 km in single lane 12`-0` width.

(b): The total amount of road tax collected in Chandigarh during each of the last three years are:

YEAR	AMOUNT
2000-01	Rs.1152.41 lakhs
2001-02	Rs.1339.26 lakhs
2002-03	Rs.1231.99 lakhs

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): As per recommendations of the First Delhi Finance Commissionfor the award Period 1996-2001 accepted by the Govt. ofIndia, the grant-in-aid (Non-Plan) by the Chandigarh Administration to the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation should be 20%of the gross tax collection in 1998-1999 reducing 2.5% each year up to 2000-01. On this basis, the Municipal Corporation was given Rs.45.00, Rs.50.00 and Rs.52.90 crores as Non-Plan grant-in-aid by the Chandigarh Administration during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively. The above amounts correspond to 13.23%, 13.27% and 12.90% of the total tax revenue against the 15%, 12.5% and 10% in the years 2000-01 to 2002-03 as per the recommendation of the First Delhi Finance Commission.

The report of the 2nd Delhi Finance Commission which recommends for transfer of 17% of the total tax revenue of the Chandigarh Administration to the Municipal Corporation is yet to be approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(e): In view of the reply made to part (d), question does not arise.